GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2881
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CULTIVATION OF RED SANDERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage the cultivation of `Red Sanders` in suitable forest areas in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any subsidy is likely to be given to farmers and growers of Red Sanders;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have not properly focused on the cultivation of Red Sanders under social forestry; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b),(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Red Sanders seedlings are being supplied to public free of cost under Social ForestryProgramme to encourage cultivation in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Red Sanders plantations have been raised from 1951-1952 to 1997-98 over an area of 4099 hectare in the forest areas of Cuddapah and Chittoor Districts of Andhra Pradesh under various Government schemes.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.